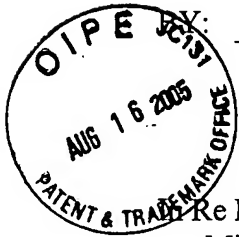


IFW

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, ON THE DATE INDICATED BELOW.



Lynn Spina

Date: *August 12, 2005*

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Patent Application of:
Michael G. Maietta, *et al.*

Conf. No.: 2610

: Group Art Unit: 1772

Appln. No.: 10/617,102

: Examiner: Kenneth W. Noland

Filing Date: July 10, 2003

: Attorney Docket No.: 8567-629U1 (P-316)

Title: ALARMED TABLET DISPENSER

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This correspondence is in response to an Office Action mailed July 22, 2005 setting forth a written restriction requirement. This response is being timely filed within the shortened statutory period set for response.

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the application contains claims directed to two patentably distinct species of the claimed invention, including Species I relating to the tablet dispenser of Fig. 1 and Species II relating to the tablet dispenser illustrated in Fig. 5. The Examiner required election of a single species for prosecution on the merits and identification of the claims reading upon the elected species.

Applicants elect Species I for examination, and identifies claims 1-15, and 31-39 as reading thereon. The election is made without traverse.

Application No. 10/617,102
Reply to Office Action of July 22, 2005

Prompt examination and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL G. MAIETTA, ET AL.

8/12/05
(Date)

By:

 Reg No 48955 for

MARTIN G. BELISARIO

Registration No. 32,886

AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD LLP

One Commerce Square

2005 Market Street, Suite 2200

Philadelphia, PA 19103-7013

Telephone: 215-965-1200

Direct Dial: 215-965-1303

Facsimile: 215-965-1210

E-Mail: mbelisario@akingump.com

MGB/KBG